

What is claimed is:

1 1. A maneuverable topiary frame comprising:
2 a) two or more separable members,
3 b) one or more hinges, integrally a part of the frame, and connecting at
4 least two adjoining separable members,
5 c) one or more clips permanently affixed to a member;
6 wherein at least one of the hinges adjoining two of the members forms a main
7 structure and wherein the clips when released enable one or more of the
8 members to move upon a center axis and pivot or rotate along their hinges, and
9 when engaged secure the members from moving, as a three-dimensional unitary
10 form.

1 2. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, wherein the members further
2 comprise
3 support pieces to support the entire frame; and
4 frame filler along a number of gaps between the support pieces to provide
5 further shape and stability to the frame.

1 3. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 2, wherein the frame filler comprises
2 a mesh framework woven over and about the support pieces.

1 4. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, wherein said hinges are provided
2 by two lengths of wire interwoven along a common axis of two separate
3 members.

1 5. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1, wherein said clips are selected
2 from the group consisting of bent wires, hooks, clasps, latches, ties and locks.

1 6. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 3, wherein the support pieces are
2 constructed of a higher gauge wire than the filler constructed of a lower gauge

3 wire.

1 7. The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1, wherein
2 the three-dimensional unitary form comprises an animal form, having an
3 upper and lower extremity set of members corresponding to arms or legs of a
4 particular animal design;
5 the main structure corresponding to a torso region of the animal design;
6 and each of the extremity members connecting to the torso region.

1 8. The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 7, wherein
2 the upper and lower extremity set of members correspond to objects in
3 addition to arms or legs;
4 the main structure corresponding to a middle region of the animal design;
5 and each of the extremity members connecting to the middle region.

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1 9. The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 7, wherein the animal
2 design is a bear design.

1 10. The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 8, wherein the animal
2 design is a seal design and the object is a ball shape.

1 11. The maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 1, wherein a clip is
2 located opposite the hinge adjoining two members that forms the main structure.

1 12. The maneuverable topiary frame of claim 1 wherein the wires are comprised
2 of galvanized metal.

1 13. A method for making a maneuverable topiary frame comprising the steps of:
2 a) fashioning support pieces from one or more wires into a desired frame
3 shape using minimal amount of soldering, the frame shape separated
4 into at least two parts;

- 5 b) weaving one or more long wires of thinner gauge than the wire of the
- 6 support pieces, hereinafter thin wire, to produce a wire mesh filler to fill
- 7 in a plurality of spaces between the wire of the support pieces, wherein
- 8 little or no soldering is used to secure the thin wire to the support
- 9 pieces, thereby minimizing potential safety hazards from sharp edges;
- 10 c) weaving one or more thin wires to connect at least two of the
- 11 separated parts of the frame shape, thereby forming one or more
- 12 hinged connections of the separated parts, the hinged connections
- 13 allowing for movement of the separated parts;
- 14 d) attaching permanently one or more clips to the support pieces,
- 15 opposite the hinged connection of the separated parts;
- 16 wherein the support pieces are formed to leave an opening at a bottom of the
- 17 frame to allow for insertion of a foliage; and
- 18 wherein the clips when engaged secure the separated parts closed, and
- 19 when released enable the separated parts to move open along the hinged
- 20 connection, thereby facilitating insertion and manipulation of the foliage.

1 14. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 13,
 2 wherein the desired shape of the support pieces is an animal design and the
 3 separable parts include lower and upper skeletal members of the animal design.

1 15. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 13,
 2 wherein the wires are comprised of galvanized metal.

1 16. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 13,
 2 further comprising the step of coating the wires with a rustproof substance.

1 17. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 13,
 2 wherein the wire mesh filler resembles hexagonal wire and is further hand
 3 woven, not press molded, thereby minimizing rough edges.

1 18. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 13,
2 wherein the wire mesh filler is woven using a single long strand of wire.

1 19. The method for making a maneuverable topiary frame according to claim 14,
2 wherein the wire mesh filler is woven more densely in some of the lower and
3 upper skeletal members than in other separable parts.

1 20. A method for making a maneuverable topiary frame, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 a) generating a computer layout of a desired topiary frame shape;
4 b) fashioning support pieces from one or more wires into the desired
5 frame shape according to the layout, using minimal amount of soldering, the
6 frame shape separated into at least two parts;

7 c) weaving one or more long wires of thinner gauge than the wire of
8 the support pieces, hereinafter thin wire, to produce a wire mesh filler to fill in a
9 plurality of spaces between the wire of the support pieces, wherein little or no
10 soldering is used to secure the thin wire to the support pieces, thereby
11 minimizing potential safety hazards from sharp edges;

12 d) weaving one or more thin wires to connect at least two of the
13 separated parts of the frame shape, therein forming one or more hinged
14 connections of the separated parts; the hinged connections allowing for
15 movement of the separated parts;

16 e) attaching permanently one or more clips to the support pieces,
17 opposite the hinged connection of the separated parts;

18 f) coating the topiary frame with a weatherproof or rustproof
19 substance;

20 wherein the clips when engaged secure the separated parts closed, and
21 when released enable the separated parts to move open along the hinged
22 connection to facilitate insertion and manipulation of a foliage.